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## WHY THE ACADEMY?

To get a good education, first of all, that will serve as a foundation for a rewarding career.

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**N**ext year there will be about 300 young men and women who will win admission to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

You might well be one of them.

It depends, to a large degree, on what you want and expect from your college years.

First, a good, solid, meaningful education. That's something you can achieve at the Academy. Not, mind you, without a great deal of work, application, adaptation and ability.

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## A TYPICAL DAY.

All cadets live on campus at the Academy. Each cadet shares a room that is neatly furnished with everything required for comfortable living and studying.

There are daily inspections to make sure the rooms are clean and orderly. Cadets follow a carefully planned routine of activities.

A typical day begins at 6:00 A.M. when reveille is sounded. The cadet is awakened and begins preparation for the day. Morning classes start at 7:55 and go until 11:45. Personnel Inspection is held before lunch on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Lunch is at noon followed by afternoon classes from 12:45 until 3:35. The hours between 3:35 and 6:45 P.M. are involved with intramural or varsity sports, extracurricular activities or extra classes if cadets need individual help.

Dinner is at 6:45, from 7:00 to 8:00 cadets may work on extracurricular activities or begin their studies, study time is from 7:00 to 10:00. Taps mark the end of the day at 10:15 but study is permitted until midnight.

It's a full life, as you can see, and it's one reason why Coast Guard officers are tough, disciplined, exacting leaders.

On Friday afternoons in the Fall and Spring there are formal regimental parades. Saturday mornings are devoted to professional training. Liberty, which means permission to leave the Academy grounds, is granted on Saturday afternoons and evenings and again on Sundays. Senior upperclassmen are also given liberty on Wednesday and all upperclassmen on Friday afternoons at 4:00 P.M.

## WHAT ABOUT ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

If you enjoy sports and extracurricular activities, the Academy is a good place to be.

Athletics are as much a part of the Academy program as academics and military indoctrination. Physical fitness is important to an officer, and all cadets are required to participate in a physical fitness program designed to teach teamwork and provide a life-long basis of good health and physical well-being.

All cadets must pass certain minimum physical aptitude standards and swimming tests and take part either in intramural athletics or varsity sports.

Football, wrestling, soccer, sailing, cross-country, crew, golf, tennis, swimming, gymnastics, baseball and basketball are popular intercollegiate sports at the Academy, and the facilities are among the finest in the country. A broad program of intramural sports is also available, providing a vigorous spirit of competition between classes.

## EXTRACURRICULARS

Dances, music, theater, movies, sailing, photography, art and writing. These are a few of the outside activities scheduled regularly at the Academy. Whatever your personal interest, you can find an outlet for it. The Academy has several nationally known musical groups, as well as clubs for a variety of other activities: bowling, karate, debating, theater, radio commentating, jazz and more.

## GETTING PAID TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY.

Good deal.

A cadet in the Coast Guard receives an allowance provided by law.

Right now this equals over \$5,750. It is money furnished by the government to pay for your uniforms, equipment, textbooks and other incidental expenses.

It is disbursed as directed by the Superintendent. Any funds remaining in your account upon graduation are given to you.

Each month, you receive the following amounts in a checking account for your own personal use:

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Fourth Classmen:	\$80/1st Semester
	\$105/2nd Semester
Third Classmen:	\$150
Second Classmen:	\$210
First Classmen:	\$260

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It's not unusual for many cadets to have a considerable sum of money saved up upon graduation.

## DO YOU STILL GO TO SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER?

In a manner of speaking, yes. But what a school!

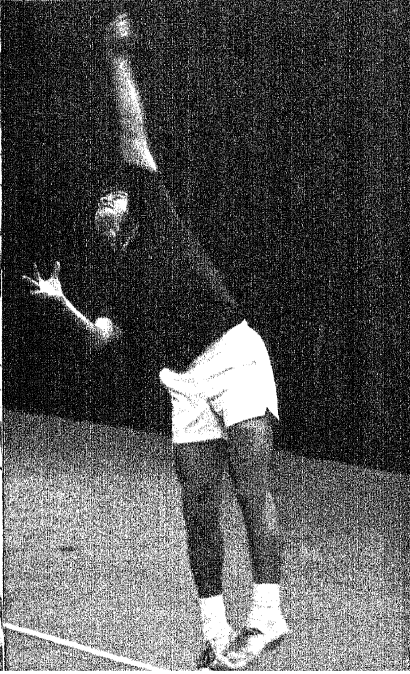
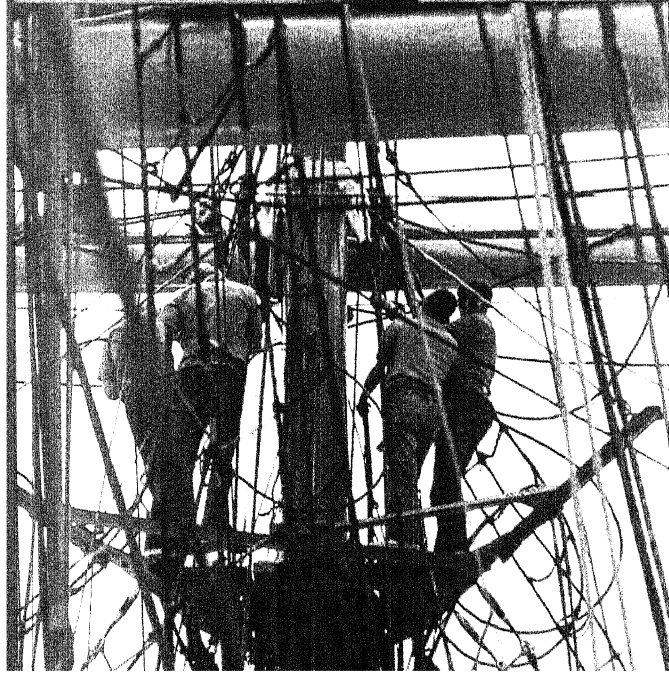
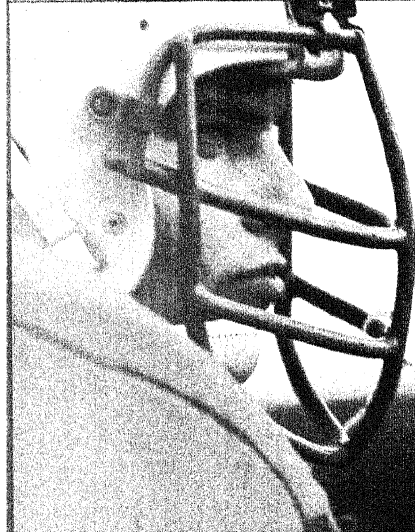
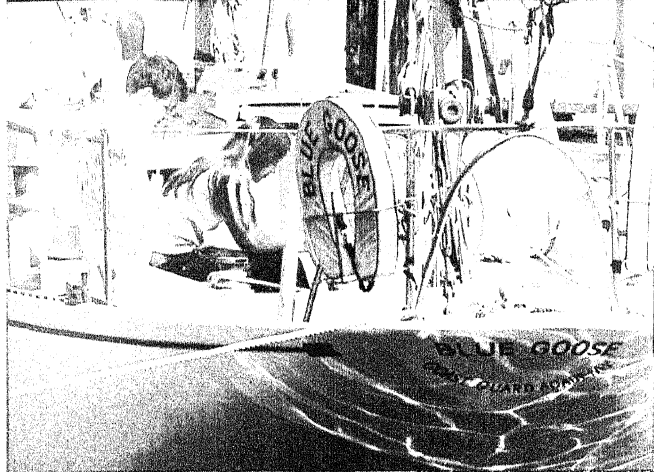
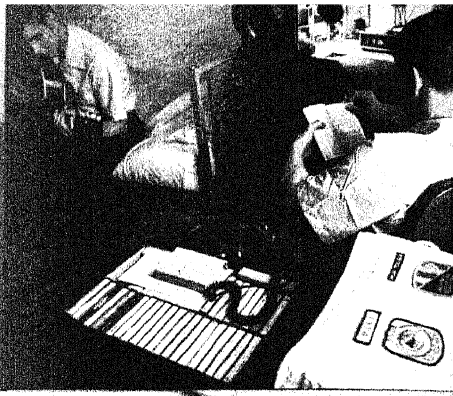
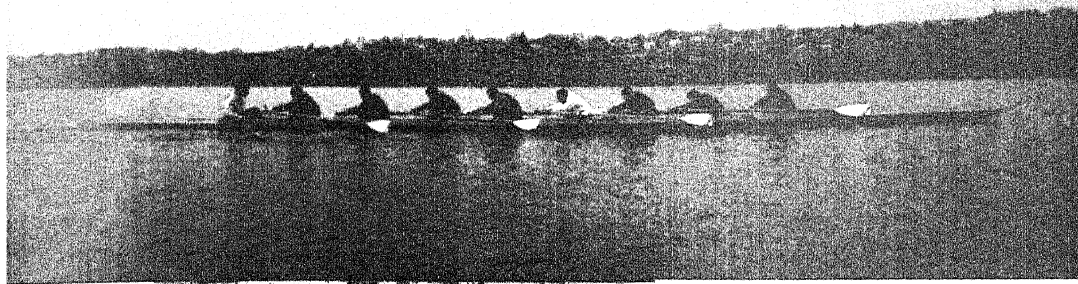
Coast Guard training cruises visit many historic and beautiful ports of the world, giving you a chance to learn about the people and customs of foreign countries, as well as practical seamanship aboard a nautical classroom.

Professional training ashore at various training centers and operating units adds to your knowledge and experience of Coast Guard operations.

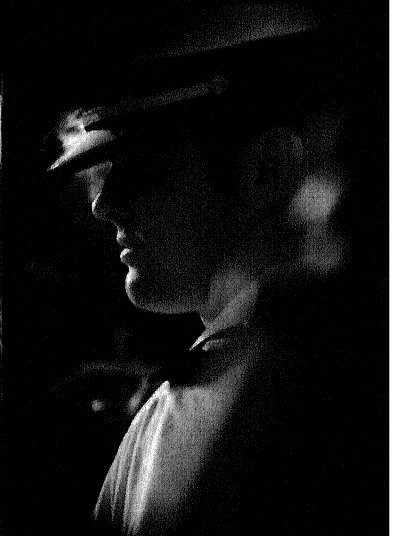
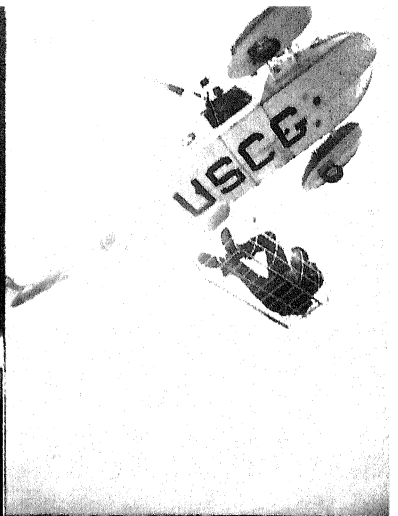
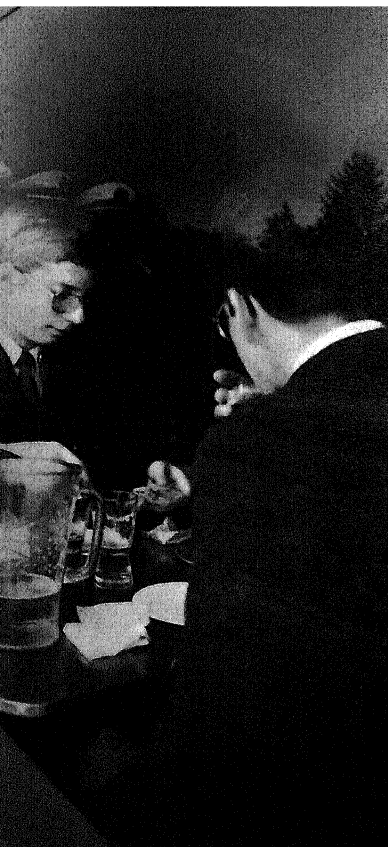
After a few weeks' leave, your summers will be mostly devoted to professional training. The first summer is mostly spent at the Academy where the emphasis is on orientation, physical fitness and competitive sports. The big highlight of the summer is a one-week cruise aboard the EAGLE, the Coast Guard's three-masted bark.

A long cruise occupies most of the second summer aboard Coast Guard cutters or the EAGLE. Your third summer is spent learning seamanship, navigation and fire fighting, and then two weeks learning the theories and operation of aircraft. The final summer is usually spent on cruise to foreign ports with additional time spent in actual Coast Guard operations in special fields of interest.

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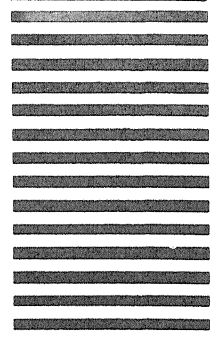
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## HOW BIG A COMMITMENT IS IT TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY?

A big one.

Every U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduate must serve a minimum of five years as a Coast Guard officer.

But the commitment is more than one of time. If you're considering applying for admission you should carefully examine your goals and motivations, aptitudes and attitudes.

Our program at the Academy is a lot tougher and more demanding than most colleges. It has to be because each Academy graduate is a qualified officer with a capability of leadership. We graduate "take charge" people.

For the person with the right personality and motivation, a career in the Coast Guard can be an extremely rewarding one. We can promise you many satisfactions if you're interested in travel, excitement and have an essentially idealistic and humanitarian outlook on life.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADUATION?

Hopefully, the beginning of a long and successful career with the Coast Guard.

A newly-commissioned Coast Guard officer is usually assigned to sea duty.

It could be aboard one of the larger cutters for Fisheries Patrol, Search and Rescue, or on one of the modern icebreakers involved in the Arctic and Antarctic or on one of the large buoy tenders that tend our Aids to Navigation along the coasts and on the Great Lakes.

After the initial assignment at sea, an officer is encouraged to apply for postgraduate education or specialized training in a self-chosen field. Aviation, for example, plays an important role in Coast Guard mission responsibilities. Requests for aviation training are very popular.

As you advance in rank and experience, you will be assigned to an administrative job ashore. You learn to apply your knowledge and experience to a variety of problems concerning water pollution, boating safety, law enforcement and administration.

Future assignments could take you back to sea in command of a cutter or buoy tender. After that, your future assignments are all aimed towards one goal: to prepare you for a role as a senior officer, a position of command, where all of your abilities and decisions will be of major importance to the Coast Guard and to your country. Most Coast Guard Academy graduates elect to continue their careers as officers after the mandatory five years of service. They find the Coast Guard a worthy challenge to their abilities as well as interesting, exciting, with all the fringe benefits and securities of an officer's life.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ACADEMY.

Appointment as a cadet is based solely on an annual nationwide competition. Unlike other military academies, there are no Congressional appointments, state quotas or special categories.

The nationwide competition includes either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT). Your high school rank in class and your leadership qualities are also taken into consideration.

If you're in the top quarter of your class and have good marks in mathematics, social and physical sciences, you stand a good chance of making it into the Coast Guard Academy. You must have three years of math and three years of English.

Sure, we have a lot of super-smart cadets at the Academy. But we also have a lot of young people who have shown leadership potential in high school and have proven their drive and determination in extracurriculars. So don't be discouraged or dismayed by the fact that you're not number one in your class. We're looking for well-rounded young men and women who can fulfill their promise as tomorrow's leaders.

Write us for The Bulletin of Information and application form. You can also visit the Academy and arrange for an interview.

You are reminded that the deadline for applications is December 15. And, you must take either the SAT or ACT examinations prior to or including the December administration.

Write:

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New London, Connecticut 06320  
Phone: (203) 444-8501

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# ONE LAST WORD

We want you to have this pamphlet to find out if the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is for you; and you are for the Coast Guard.

Obviously, life at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is not for everyone. Many highly qualified young men and women may find the rigors of Coast Guard discipline too demanding.

Therefore, before you decide to apply, you should weigh your motives and ambitions carefully, discuss your desires with your parents and guidance counselor at school. Be certain you understand the long-range commitment to a military career.

The men and women who enter the Academy with the right attitudes and reasons will have little difficulty withstanding the rigors of Academy life.

Those who have graduated, more often than not, have found the life of a Coast Guard officer is one of the most rewarding careers a person can pursue.

To help others is to help yourself.

Semper paratus. Always ready.

